



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-01

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, have declared that a drought disaster and fire danger emergency exist in the Upper Missouri River Basin and other areas of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, these conditions will require close monitoring of rural fire dangers by all land users throughout North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have caused and will continue to cause fire emergencies and water supply shortages, particularly along the Missouri River system; and

WHEREAS, financial losses to the recreation industry, water users and other business and private losses will also constitute an economic hardship throughout the entire state; and

WHEREAS, low levels in Lake Sakakawea will result in a reduction of cold water habitat necessary for forage fish production; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have had an adverse impact on livestock feed suppliers, emergence and production of grains, livestock water suppliers and agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, I further order that all state departments and administrators maintain drought response and fire emergency support resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and

3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 10th day of March 2005.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State